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In re Application of:) Art Unit:
Ikunoshia KATO et al) Examiner:
Appln. No.: 09/937,375) Washington, D.C.
Date Filed: September 24, 2001) Confirmation No.
For: GENE THERAPEUTICS) December 27, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified
application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the
changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The
attached version is captioned "Version with Markings to Show
Changes Made".

3. (Amended) The composition according to claim
1, wherein the function of having an affinity for a virus is
derived from a functional substance selected from the group
consisting of anti-virus antibodies, heparin-II-binding

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